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SUBJ: BEAGLE CHANNEL - FOREIGN MINISTERS INITIATE TALKS

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1. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER OSCAR MONTES ARRIVED SANTIAGO THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 15 AND WENT IMMEDIATELY INTO A MEETING WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO CARVAJAL. FOLLOWING A SMALL LUNCHEON BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET THE TWO RESUMED THEIR DISCUSSIONS THAT AFTERNOON. THEY MET FOR A THIRD TIME THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 16. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, MONTES WILL RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES DECEMBER 17.

2. AS HAS BEEN TRUE IN THE PAST, LOCAL SOURCES AND PRESS DO NOT SHED ANY LIGHT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, THIS AFTERNOON'S "LA SEGUNDA" HINTS THAT THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT BREAK-THROUGH. ASKED WHETHER THE PRESENT MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SECOND MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES, MONTES REPLIED THAT THIS MUST BE DECIDED BY CARVAJAL. HE ALSO SEEMED LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN ON HIS ARRIVAL THAT THE TWO
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PARTIES WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT: WE NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT JULIO PHILIPPI, THE GOC'S PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR UNTIL NOW HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS NOR WAS HE AT PINOCHET'S LUNCHEON YESTERDAY.

PHILIPPI TAKES A HARD-NOSE LEGALISTIC VIEW OF THE BEAGLE
CHANNEL ISSUE AND HIS ABSENCE FROM THE CURRENT ROUND OF
DISCUSSIONS MAY BE A CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO THE GOA.
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